

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 272.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED  
AND NINETY-FIVE.

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AN ACT to amend section four of chapter 256, Public  
Laws of Maine, 1893, entitled "An Act to regulate the  
sale and analysis of Commercial Fertilizers."

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section four of chapter 256, Public Laws of Maine,  
2 1893, is hereby amended by striking out the word "five"  
3 after the words "as follows" in the fifth line of said sec-  
4 tion, and inserting in place thereof the word 'ten,' and by  
5 striking out the word "thirty" after the word "which" in  
6 the eighth line of said section, and inserting in place  
7 thereof the word 'ten,' so that said section, as amended,  
8 shall read as follows:

'Section 4. Any manufacturer, importer, agent or seller  
10 of any commercial fertilizer, who shall deposit with the

11 director of the Maine Experiment Station a sample or  
12 samples of fertilizer under the provisions of section two of  
13 this act, shall pay annually to said director an analysis fee  
14 as follows: Ten dollars for the phosphoric acid and five  
15 dollars each for the nitrogen and potash, contained or said  
16 to be contained in the fertilizer, this fee to be assessed on  
17 any brand of which thirty tons or more are sold in the  
18 state, and upon receipt of such fee and of the certified  
19 statement named in section two of this act, said director  
20 shall issue a certificate of compliance with this act.  
21 Whenever the manufacturer or importer of a fertilizer  
22 shall have filed the statement made in section two of this  
23 act and paid the analysis fee, no agent or seller of said  
24 manufacturer, importer or shipper shall be required to file  
25 such statement or pay such fee. The analysis fees re-  
26 ceived by said director shall be paid immediately by him  
27 into the treasury of said experiment station.

'Section six of chapter 256, Public Laws of Maine, 1893,  
29 is also amended by inserting after the word "sample" in  
30 the third line of said section, the words 'taken in the  
31 manner hereinafter prescribed,' and also by striking out  
32 the words "reported to the person or persons requesting  
33 the analysis, and shall also be" in the twenty-sixth line of  
34 said section, so that said section, as amended, shall read  
35 as follows:

'Section 6. The director of the Maine Experiment  
37 Station shall annually analyze, or cause to be analyzed, at  
38 least one sample taken in the manner hereinafter pre-  
39 scribed, of every fertilizer sold or offered for sale under  
40 the provisions of this act. Said director is hereby author-  
41 ized and directed in person or by deputy to take a sam-  
42 ple, not exceeding two pounds in weight, for said analysis,

43 from any lot or package of fertilizer or any material used  
44 for manurial purposes which may be in the possession of  
45 any manufacturer, importer, agent or dealer in this state ;  
46 but said sample shall be drawn in the presence of  
47 said party or parties in interest, or their represen-  
48 tatives, and taken from a parcel or a number of  
49 packages which shall not be less than ten per cent of  
50 the whole lot sampled, and shall be thoroughly mixed and  
51 then divided into two equal samples and placed in glass  
52 vessels and carefully sealed and a label placed on each,  
53 stating the name or brand of the fertilizer or material  
54 sampled, the name of the party from whose stock the  
55 sample was drawn and the time and place of drawing, and  
56 said label shall also be signed by the director or his deputy,  
57 and by the party or parties in interest or their represen-  
58 tative at the drawing and sealing of said samples ; one of  
59 said duplicate samples shall be retained by the director  
60 and the other by the party whose stock was sampled : and  
61 the sample or samples retained by the director shall be  
62 for comparison with the certified statement named in sec-  
63 tion two of this act. The result of analysis of the sample  
64 or samples so procured shall be published in a report or  
65 bulletin within reasonable time.'

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
March 1, 1895. }

Reported by Mr. STANLEY of Alfred, from Committee on Agriculture,  
and ordered printed joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*